

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claim Status

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. Since this response does not cancel or change any existing claims, or add new claims, no listing of claims is required under 37 CFR 1.121.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102(e)

Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Momose (USPN 5,959,742). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Independent claims 1, 11, and 21, as originally filed, contain limitations not suggested or disclosed by Momose, and therefore cannot be anticipated by Momose.

Claim 1 recites "...a second memory table for memorizing a plurality of comparative print types" and "a controller...for selecting a second paper cassette that...has a comparative print type to be compared with the print type of the first paper cassette in the second memory table...". Claim 11 recites "...providing a second memory table to memorize a plurality of comparative print types..." and "...selecting a second paper cassette that...has a comparative print type to be compared with the print type of the first paper cassette in the second memory table...". Claim 21 recites "third means for memorizing a plurality of comparative print types" and "fifth means for selecting another first means that stores recording sheets suited to print the image and has a comparative print type to be compared with the print type of the one first means..."

These limitations, which are not disclosed or suggested by Momose, provide the significant ability of selection of the most appropriate recording sheet between two cassettes. As extensively described in the specification, in one embodiment, the first memory table stores tentative print types for printing an image at 100% magnification and the second memory table stores comparative print types for printing the image on a single recording sheet. Depending on whether there is a comparative print type in the second table corresponding to a tentative print type in

the first table, and whether a paper cassette has that comparative print type, the controller will decide whether to print at 100% magnification or on a single sheet.

Momose discloses a facsimile apparatus capable of selecting a paper cassette based on the image size and a priority order of the cassettes. According to Momose, 1st priority is given to equal-size recording, 2nd priority is given to recording with cut-off, 3rd priority is given to recording with margin, 4th priority is given to recording with size reduction, 5th priority is given to recording with B4 to A4 size reduction, and 6th priority is given to recording with area division. *See Momose; abstract; column 5, lines 34-41.*

Although Momose discloses a priority table for cassette selection, Momose fails to disclose or suggest a *second table* for memorizing a plurality of comparative print types which are to be compared with the plurality of print types in the priority table as required by independent claims 1, 11 and 21. Since Momose does not disclose each and every element of those claims it cannot anticipate those claims or claims dependent thereon. The rejections should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

This application is believed to be in condition for allowance. The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve any issues that remain after entry of this amendment. Any fees due with this response may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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